

William L. Shugart Letters

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Biographical Note:

William L. Shugart of Grant County was born in Indiana to Henry and Nancy Shugart circa 1841. He was in the Union Army in the Civil War initially in the 12th Indiana Regiment and later as a Sergeant in the 1st Cavalry (28th Indiana Regiment). He was later promoted to First Lieutenant in Company L, and then to Captain in Company A of the 1st Cavalry. He married Mary Russell (born circa 1842) of Jonesboro, Grant County, Indiana in the fall of 1862. After he left the military he became a farmer near Helena, Arkansas where he died shortly after the war.

Sources:

Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana. Vol. II. Indianapolis, IN: W. R. Holloway, 1865.
U.S. Census, 1860.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of photocopies of letters written by William L. Shugart to Mary Russell Shugart before and after their marriage. Letters are largely from Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, Virginia, and Arkansas and largely contain personal information as well as comments on Army life and activities.

The letters are arranged chronologically.

Item Listing:

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| 1861 Aug. 1 | Shugart, William L. to Mollie. |
| 1861 Sept. 24 | Shugart, William L. to Mollie. |
| 1862 May 8 | Shugart, William L. to Mary Russell. |
| 1862 Jun. 19 | Shugart, William L. to Mary. Woodstock, VA. |
| 1862 Sept. 8 | Shugart, William L. to Mary. Two miles west of Washington, D.C. |
| 1862 Sept. 14 | Shugart, William L. to Mary. General Sigel's headquarters. |

1862 Sept. 25 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Virginia, headquarters, First Corps, Army of Virginia. Had photograph taken in Washington.

1862 Oct. 22 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Washington, D. C.

1862 Oct. 29 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Headquarters, 11th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, Fairfax County, Virginia.

1862 Nov. 1 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Headquarters, 11th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, Fairfax County, Virginia.

1862 Nov. 27 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Camp Carrington, Indianapolis. Will wants to get married.

1862 Dec. 1 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Camp Carrington, Indianapolis.

1863 Jan. 22 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Aboard St. Bell Memphis, Cairo, Illinois.

1863 Jan. 26 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Memphis, Tennessee.

1863 Jan. 27 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Aboard St. Louis City, opposite Memphis.

1863 Jan. 28 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Helena, Arkansas

1863 Feb. 18 Shugart, William L. to Mary. 18 miles down to Zazoo's (sp?) pass from Helena, Arkansas on the Mississippi side.

1863 Jun. 23 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Camp 1st Indiana Cavalry, Helena, Arkansas.

1863 Aug. 29 Shugart, William L. to Mary (Dear Wife). Memphis, Tennessee.

1863 Sept. 30 Shugart, William L. to Mary. On board Lady Jackson below Helena.

1864 Jan. 21 Shugart, William L. to Mary.

1864 Jan. 26 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Memphis, Tennessee. Captain Bawles has broken legs. Going into the cotton business at Helena.

1864 Jan. 31 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Vicksburg, Mississippi. Earning money selling food.

1864 Feb. 16 Shugart, William L. to Mary. 15 miles west of Mosadrea (sp?), Mississippi.

1864 Feb. 20 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Near Decatur, Mississippi. En route back to Vicksburg; a chicken costs \$1.00.

1864 Mar. 5 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Camp near Vicksburg

1864 Apr. 5 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Helena, Arkansas.

1864 Apr. 12 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Helena, Arkansas. Is planting cotton.

1864 Apr. 28 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Veputy plantation, 4 miles below Helena, Arkansas.

1864 Jun. 19 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Aboard steamer Rose Hamilton between Helena and Memphis. Working the farm with Mr. Tobias, may rejoin the army.

1864 Jun. 24 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Veputy plantation. Warm weather, has taken a \$10,000 insurance type policy.

1864 Jun. 26 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Helena, Arkansas.

1864 Aug. 4 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Cairo, Illinois.

1864 Aug. 5 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Onboard steamer Belle of St. Louis.

1864 Aug. 6 Shugart, William L. to Mary. Memphis, Tennessee. Plantation has been sold; has not given up hope.

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| 1864 Aug. 26 | Shugart, William L. to Mary. Helena, Arkansas. Cotton to be picked in 2-3 weeks. |
| undated | Shugart, William L. to Mary. Letter before they marry |
| undated | Shugart, William L. to Mary. |
| undated | Shugart, William L. to Mary. Unfinished letter. |

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